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Fact Sheet

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MVED News Conference, Thursday, Aug. 21 – 2:00 p.m. Kimball Property, 12717 S. 125 East, Draper

- Investigators in the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division recovered two large pieces of heavy construction equipment Tuesday that are valued at \$235,000.
- The equipment was stolen in November and recovered at the suspect's garage in Springville by MVED investigators.
- Felony charges are pending against a Springville man for stealing the equipment, removing the serial identification numbers, and attempting to sell them.
- Stolen Equipment
 - \$165,000 road grader, 2006 Caterpillar 930 G
 - \$70,000 loader, 1997 Case 580 L
- The suspect allegedly removed the serial numbers from the equipment by filing them off. He also welded his name onto the both pieces of equipment. He re-painted the road grader yellow.
- MVED investigators were directed toward the suspect when a potential buyer of the stolen equipment was approached to purchase the equipment for nickels on the dollar.
- The road grader was stolen from a retail parking lot in Sandy and the loader was stolen from the residence of the Salt Lake City owner.
- The suspect is John E. Webb, 37, Springville.
- The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, is a division of the Utah State Tax Commission. These police officers specialize in the recovery of stolen vehicles, investigations of vehicle theft rings, chop shops, and fraud involving motor vehicles, titles, and odometers. MVED also regulates the commercial vehicle sales industry.